

Charaxes jasius L., *Nymphalis polychloros* L., *Pandoriana pandora* Schiff. and *Quercusia quercus* L. Finally, Hockin's note appeared in the *Record* after our trips were completed and adds *Gegenes pumilio* Hoff. Neither of us saw any of these seven additional species nor did we add to the combined list of 44 species.

In May C.I.R. recorded 22 species, just half the total; one of these, *P. baton*, was not recorded on any of the other three expeditions, its appearance towards the end of the holiday gave particular satisfaction and compensated to some extent for the failure to find any of the three really small blues.

In July/August M.W.C. recorded 20 species which also included one, *F. trochylus*, not reported on any of the other three visits. Four of these 20 species were not among the 22 recorded in May so that our overall total is 26 species.

Neither of us was in the island at the right season for *Kretana psylorita* Freyer and we did not go in search of it; that neither of us saw *Aricia agestis* Schiff. was more surprising. Our weakness seemed to be our failure to spot any of the "paired species", for example *Pieris ergane* Geyer among the *P. rapae*, *Pseudochazara anthelea* Hb. among the *H. semele*, *Hyponphele lupina* Costa among the *M. jurtina*, *Syntarucus pirithous* L. among the *L. boeticus* or *P. thersites* among the *P. icarus*. Nevertheless we each came away well pleased with our first visit and resolved to go back as soon as possible.

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CURIOUS DISCOVERY CONCERNING THE DOTTED RUSTIC: RHYACIA SIMULANS HUFNAGEL. — Whilst on a visit to Layer Marney Tower near Colchester in Essex on 31st July 1980, I came across considerable numbers of dead specimens of the Dotted Rustic. Between 30 and 40 badly damaged and partially wingless moths were to be found on the window-sills of the Elizabethan tower and particularly on the floor of the church in the grounds nearby. The date of my visit would seem to fall in the period when this species is said to be aestivating, and so what disaster befell this local but substantial emergence it would be interesting to discover. — J. N. D'ARCY, Monkswell Cottage, Edington, Westbury, Wiltshire.

THE VESTAL: RHODOMETRA SACRARIA L. IN SURREY. — A fine male of this migrant was at my garden m.v.l. here on 13th August 1980. — K. G. W. EVANS, 31 Havelock Road, Croydon, Surrey.